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City of London's Action Plan for Water Testing Confirmed

Today the provincial government held a news conference at Queen's Park to announce the results of water tests from around the province. At a follow up news conference at City Hall, the Mayor, the Medical Officer of Health and the Director of Water and Environment responded to the news.

"The government's action plan confirms that London is already doing all the right things," said Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "We're pleased that the province is involved with this issue and will implement any new water testing protocols that are announced."

"We are going to continue our efforts on our three-pronged approach: public education, potential changes in water chemistry and replacement of lead pipes," said London's Director of Water, Pat McNally. "We will continue to work with the residents of the small number of homes that may have lead service lines to ensure that their drinking water is safe."

Over the past two months City of London staff have taken tap water samples from approximately 5,000 homes, with results reported immediately to homeowners. To find out if your home has lead water pipes and to request a water sample test, send an e-mail (include your name, phone number and address) or call Water Quality Customer Service at 519 661-4739 during business hours.

London's tap water is among the safest in the world. Our water comes from two sources: Lake Erie and Lake Huron. The Great Lakes hold 20 per cent of the world's fresh water supply and London is fortunate to have an abundance of fresh water available. The water treatment facilities are designed to supply safe, clean and reliable drinking water to thousands of homes and businesses in this region of Southwestern Ontario.